

## Woodlands Community Crime Meeting – March 7th, 7pm, Valle Verde MUR

By Joe Casey

With the issue of McDonald's no longer a relevant issue for our neighborhood, the Woodland's Association has turned its attention to the issue of crime. We wrote in the February newsletter about the January meeting that took place between city officials and Woodland's board members to discuss crime in Walnut Creek (article available on our website, www.woodlandsassn.org). As a result of that meeting, Walnut Creek Police Chief Joe Bryden tasked Sergeant Sean Conley of the Walnut Creek Police to liaise with the Woodlands Board to address the issues that the Woodland's Board brought to the city's attention. Sergeant Conley subsequently attended our February Board meeting where we worked with Sgt. Conley to plan a Woodlands community crime meeting. Sgt. Conley updated the Board on the most recent developments, and shared with us the following:

- Sgt. Conley coordinated and lead a meeting with the Citrus Center business owners that took place on February 16th, and included the participation of Woodland Association board members. This meeting discussed what steps business owners are taking, in coordination with the Walnut Creek Police, to increase awareness and strengthen security.

- Sgt. Conley also coordinated a community meeting for March 7th from 7pm - 9pm at the Valle Verde MUR, where the community can hear first hand what steps have been taken by both business owners and the police department to improve security in the shopping center and our neighborhood. City officials including Mayor Cindy Silva, Chief Joe Bryden, City Manager Ken Nordhoff, and Councilor Kish Rajan are expected to attend the meeting, and after Sgt. Conley's presentation, both he and city officials will be prepared to take questions from the audience.

Please take the time to attend this community meeting on 3/7. The more aware and coordinated we are with city efforts to combat crime, the better prepared we will be as a community to confront this issue. Please check the Woodland's website (www.woodlandsassociation.com) frequently to stay apprised of updates on this issue. If you have any questions you would like addressed at the public meeting, we strongly encourage you to submit them beforehand via our website e-mail,

woodlandsassn@yahoo.com. We will forward your questions to Sgt. Conley in advance of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on March 7th.



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# Want to Write Something?

The Woodlands newsletter provides a community service by keeping neighborhood residents informed about issues and events of interest. We encourage Woodlands residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regula



residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regularly receive articles that are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to help get it edited and published. Our publication guidelines are relatively simple – topics should be of interest to Woodlands residents, the newsletter can not be used as a forum to air issues between individuals, and articles may need to be edited to fit within available space (typical length is 200 words or less). To meet our publication schedule for a monthly newsletter, we have established a closing date of the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be published in the next version of the newsletter.

We appreciate your help in making the newsletter as informative, useful, and relevant to Woodlands residents. To submit an article, please write to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

# Woodlands Cabana Club

Every summer, dedicated lifeguards help to protect the members and their guests at the Woodlands Cabana Club. Lifeguarding provides young people the opportunity to work in a rewarding and challenging environment. Job duties include working throughout the busy summer months to oversee swimmers with various skill levels, care, maintenance and cleanliness of all pools and pool areas and other duties as assigned. Lifeguarding helps develop valuable skills; a strong work ethic, teamwork and communication skills that will last a lifetime. If you are interested in becoming a Woodlands Cabana Club Lifeguard, check our website, woodlandscabanaclub.org for more information.

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### Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, March 5th at 8:15 am and Saturday, April 2nd at 8:15 am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

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# WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

Thank you to Kathy Master for compiling this report from the WCPD website

The information in this Crime Report is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp. Some issues of the Woodlands Newsletter may include only a portion of the monthly police activity in our neighborhood, as available print-space varies from issue to issue. The most current information available is listed first.

11-4433 02/07/11 17:04:04 Found Property Perada Drive/Tupelo Drive. RP found several credit cards in the gutter. Dispo: Located the owner who had dropped them while getting into her car near her house. Everything returned. Ofc. Thompson

11-4336 02/06/11 20:35:08 Theft 500 block Banyan Circle. RP states set of Danish spoons stolen from her breakfront in the living room. RP states drapes that are usually open were closed. Dispo: Resident believes suspect entered home through open door and stole \$6200 in silver spoons. Ofc. Duncan

11-4272 02/06/11 11:31:19 Service to Citizen 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Advise requested for ongoing problem with older juveniles loitering around the school, telling younger kids they have controlled substances (drugs.). Dispo: Advice given. Ofc. Clemente

11-4262 02/06/11 09:44:07 Vandalism 3600 block Citrus Avenue. '93 Jeep Cherokee sustained window crack from melon thrown at the back of parked vehicle. Dispo: Occurred 02/06/11 between 0100 and 0900 hours. Ofc. Appel

11-4218 02/05/11 23:21:59 Noise Complaint 3600 block Perada Drive. Loud music, possibly a party. Dispo: Party dispersed, resident advised of noise violation policy. Ofc. Brown

02/03/11 22:45:10 Suspicious Vehicle Banyan Lane/Peachwillow Lane. Area check for dark colored 4 door vehicle, possibly Hyundai or Honda, driving slowly through neighborhood. Dispo: 3 units unable to locate. Ofc. Harman

02/03/11 05:26:39 Miscellaneous Traffic Citrus Avenue/Oak Grove Rod. License 6LVN785. DISPO: Cited for traveling 70 MPH. Ofc. Harman

11-3773 02/02/11 11:22:40 Theft 2200 block Oak Grove Rd. RP states fraudulent withdrawals from his account occurred on 01/28/2011 after he left his card in the ATM. Dispo: Suspect described as white male adult in his 50's, 5'7, 180 lbs and balding. Ofc. Kan. Theft 3 70 Kan

11-3672 02/01/11 13:05:51 Abandoned Vehicle 3300 block Sugarberry Lane. Brown Isuzu Trooper tagged for tow. License 2LPJ877. Ofc. Maldonado

11-3652 02/01/11 10:17:16 Abandoned Vehicle Sugarberry Lane/Citrus Avenue. Gray 4 door Buick parked at location for about a week. License 2VUF499. Vehicle tagged. Maldonado

11-3456 01/30/11 15:01:01 Suspicious Circumstance 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Citizen advising officer of female behind business that appears to be trimming the hedges. Dispo: Gone on arrival/unable to locate. Ofc. Vevera

11-3015 01/27/11 02:58:07 911 Hangup 600 block Candleberry Road. Open line, nothing heard. Dispo: No answer at door. No signs of problem at residence, straight to victim on call back. Ofc. Connors

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11-2957 01/26/11 15:10:35 Vandalism Peachwillow Lane / Mandarin Lane. Obscene graffiti on the no-turn sign. Information only. Dispo: Graffiti reported. Ofc. Thompson

11-2881 01/25/11 23:01:39 Service to Citizen 500 block Rock Oak Road. RP feels threatened by her mother-in-law and sister-in-law. Dispo: Contacted parties, unable to substantiate a crime. Parties agreed not to talk for the night. Ofc. Dalisay

11-2842 01/25/11 15:03:12 Suspicious Circumstance 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Customer was in bank wanting to close account. Dispo: Incident number and teletype provided to Santa Cruz law agency who will conduct welfare check. No one assigned

11-2649 01/23/11 13:01:29 Bicyclist versus Object Citrus Avenue / Peachwillow Lane, on the canal trail. Passerby reports bike into fence. Bicyclist declined medical assistance. Occurred 10 min. ago between Peachwillows and treat. Dispo: Information given to East Bay Regional Parks District 11-2502 01/22/11 12:58:15 Outside Agency Assist 400 block Dogwood Drive. County Fire requesting assistance for possible entry. Dispo: Assist canceled by Fire Dept. No one assigned

11-2466 01/22/11 08:22:53 Suspicious Circumstance 2200 block Oak Grove Road. White construction type van parked in front of bank since early morning. Unknown if occupied. Dispo: Work van parked, unoccupied. Ofc. Keagy

11-2439 01/22/11 00:04:06 Assault 400 block Candleberry Road. Patient is at John Muir's Concord Campus reporting she was assaulted at residence 2 days ago. Currently in the emergency room. Dispo: As reported. Domestic Violence occurred two days ago, case taken. Ofc. Slater

11-2072 01/19/11 06:56:23 Traffic Hazard Citrus Avenue / Oak Grove Road. Blue Honda blocking Citrus. Original caller was vehicle emergency call center who stated they were calling a tow truck. No estimated time of arrival and no direct telephone number to involved party. Dispo: Vehicle clearned of roadway and awaiting tow per officer and her insurance carrier. Ofc. Lingua

11-2030 01/18/11 20:01:39 Solicitor 400 block Persimmon road. White male adult, about 20 years old wearing green hoodie. Claimed he had a permit but would not show the RP. Last seen toward Peachwillow 5 ago. Dispo: Unable to locate, gone on arrival. Ofc. Spoto

11-1952 01/18/11 09:32:54 Suspicious Circumstance 3600 block Perada Drive. RP states a possible truant in the neighborhood wandering, wearing blue hoodie and pink PJ bottoms, carrying a backpack.. Last seen on Citrus about 10 minutes ago. Dispo: Contacted subject, appears to be alright. Ofc. Hibbs

11-1860 01/17/11 01:58:34 Suspicious Circumstance Peachwillow Lane / Oak Grove Road. 3 male juveniles just egged a vehicle. Suspects last seen on foot on Oak Grove toward Concord. Dispo: No damage, no report wanted. Area check requested. Ofc. Hibbs

11-1693 01/15/11 18:41:12 Vandalism 500 block Banyan Circle. RP states the "no right turn from Citrus" sign at Peachwillow and Banyan has been spray painted. Dispo: Signed tagged with "SB" in black spray paint. No suspect information. Dispo: MSR sent. Ofc. Brown

11-1271 01/12/11 09:38:30 911 Hangup 600 block Wintergreen Lane. Dispo: Contacted the daughter of homeowner who states she accidentally dialed while cleaning the phone. No one assigned

11-1263 01/12/11 08:51:04 Animal Complaint Rock Oak Court/ Perada Drive. RP requests area check for pit bull with no collar. Officer to check and advise on need for Animal Control response. Dispo: Unable to locate do. Ofc. Barrientos

11-1216 01/11/11 17:24:17 Service to Citizen 3000 block Citrus Circle. RP requests phone contact from officer regarding a phone call she received from an unknown subject, telling her that someone used her information to make purchases on Craig's List. Dispo: Determined that the person who called the RP was looking for a different person by the same name. No crime in Walnut Creek. Ofc. Thompson

## **School News**

### MOUNT DIABLO MUSIC ED FOUNDATION:

The Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation (MDMEF) is continuing to support the music programs in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District - but they need our help to keep music in our schools.

Since 2009, the MDMEF started "Give Music a Chance," and they have hosted a Music Festival at the Sleep Train Pavilion. They just held their second Music-A-Thon, which featured over 300 students from eight schools, who performed during the holiday weekend over 12 hours to earn pledges from our parents and community!

Their next project involves sponsoring a field trip for the 5th graders in the school district to attend a special "In-Formance" with the brass section (and other players from the California Symphony), at the Lesher Center for the Arts. The Foundation, with the help of your donations, is underwriting the cost of the performers to play and talk about music, as well as paying for busing for the students to attend. They are actively working to encourage the 5th graders to sign up for music classes, in order to ensure that music will be offered at the middle school level.

To find out how you can help, and to get more information on this valuable organization, please go to www.mdmusicfoundation.org

### STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Students at Walnut Creek schools are invited to enter the 3rd annual Student Poetry Contest sponsored by the Walnut Creek Library Foundation. The contest is free and all participants will receive a poetry contestant certificate. Deadline for submissions is March 11, 2011. Coinciding with the contest, local poet Cheryl Dumesnil is offering free poetry workshops for each contest age group on Saturday, January 29 at the Walnut Creek Library. The workshop times are:

Grades K-3 - 10:15-11:00 Grades 4-5 - 11:15-12:15 Grades 6-8 - 1:00-2:15 Grades 9-12 - 2:30-3:45

There are 20 spaces per age group. In order to ensure the opportunity for students throughout Walnut Creek to attend, the number of participants per school may be limited. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call the Foundation office at (925) 935-5395 to register.

Learn more about the contest and download the entry form on their website, http://www.wclibrary.org/childrens-programs/poetry-contest

### SPRING FOR EDUCATION

Save the Date! Northgate High School's Spring for Education 2011

The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak 3800 Valley Vista Road Walnut Creek, CA 94598

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Lisa Lamm at lisaglamm@yahoo.com. Ticket order forms will be available on the PFC website soon.

All proceeds will go to the academic programs at Northgate. It is a great evening, please consider joining us!

If you are interested in donating to the auction or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jenny Crosthwaite at jennifertc@yahoo. com for volunteers and Linda Locke at lockes4@hotmail.com for donations. Click to access the sponsor and donor forms.

### WOODLANDS SWIM TEAM & CABANA CLUB:

Join your friends and neighbors and be a part of the Woodlands Swim Team!

Mark your calendars:

March 5: Registration at the Sports Basement, 9am-12pm April 10: Kermit's Pals Placement Clinic at the Woodlands Cabana Club, 1-3pm (see info below) April 11: Pre Season and Kermit's Pals Begins!

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www.woodlandsswimteam.org or email wstnewmember@gmail.com

Note: Kermit's Pals is a swim instruction program designed for children, ages 3 and older, who want to be on the swim team but haven't yet developed the swimming skill set to transition to our 6 & under age group.

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